

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: S. HONMA et al
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Group Art Unit: 2153
Examiner: M. Winters
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA
NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.